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GROUP ART UNIT 1743

Applicant: Robert J. Mattila et al.)
Serial No: 09/594,331)
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For : Method For Transporting and Storing)
Multiple Reagent Packs)
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT

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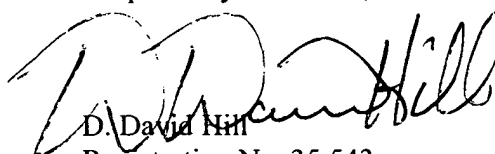
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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 13, 2002, Applicant elects for prosecution the claims of Group 1 with traverse.

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